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Dear friend

I must try to send you a word of reply to yours of the 2 in which you request me to see that your quarter bills are all paid, to which I respond in the affirmative and this is all I need say. because Mrs G. will write, so I need not say that your family are all well — the Liberator & Standard will go & tell all about our Anti-Slavery agitation so there is nothing left for me to say.

However I will fill up the space below from the latest & most important events touching Anti Slavery in Boston — There has recently been four important meetings in Faneuil Hall & a Sunday evening lecture in his own church by Rev. E. N. Kirk defending & soliciting aid for the evangelical alliance in the true snake-in-the-grass style.

The first Faneuil Hall meeting, was the democratic State convention which I looked in upon as a matter of curiosity — they had a very small delegation, & did not even take the trouble of providing themselves with seats they had the appearance of a disorderly Town meeting. the wreck of a party whose leaders hold all the offices & will do their best

We are printing sermons thousands of Garrison

to keep up appearances & save the shell of this death-struck party in N. E for its alliance with slavery, its leaders are unprincipled men & its followers honest prejudiced & stupid

very soon followed the great pro-slavery whig Convention about 2½ times as large as the Democratic Convention — The speeches of S. C Phillips. C F Adams. Chas Sumner & Judge Allen were cheered roundly especially by the Galleries

These leaders of the Anti-Slavery whigs struggled manfully to make the party take Anti-Slavery ground but the cotton whigs were too strong for them, they as you know are always afraid they shall take the right step too soon

C. F. Adams divides the whig party into two classes viz the cotton Whigs & the Conscience whigs — I am disposed to look kindly upon the conscience whigs & have done all I can consistently to cheer them on because I see that they are in earnest — one of three things must happen to them within twelve months, they must either revolution-ize the party or come out from it or be whipt quietly into the traces again — they are on paper at least in a bad position viz in a proslavery party. I cannot give them a longer credit than 12 months, long enough to bear a faithful testimony, if they stand three longer we must open our lower tier upon them —

John P Hale came at the invitation of the conscience whigs & abolitionists & filled Faneuil Hall to overflowing & acquitted himself manfully - He was a man of one idea. Anti-Slavery was his theme

The last Faneuil Hall meeting was on account of a fugitive slave kidnapped in our streets & sent to New Orleans by Packet at which John Quincy Adams Presided the speakers were J. Q Adams Dr. Howe S. G Phillips. Wendell Phillips. Chas Sumner C F. Adams Theodore Parker - Stone of Salem & Geo B Emerson - the Hall would not hold half the persons that wanted to enter it. We have had & shall have a glorious agitation about this Slave case - The Captain will be arrested soon as we can find him &c &c but I must hasten to give you a sample of Kirk's lecture about the convention that formed the Evangelical Alliance he said they were together 12 h & every day except only 1½ hours for meals - A decision was made to exclude reporters after much debate & the reason was that we did not come together as strong men but as weak men not knowing what we should do - it was an experiment there were 17 different sects represented in the convention & they did not wish to have their differences go out to the world the Alliance does not oppose any body - eminent christians from England Ireland & Scotland gave in their names to the No of 3,000 - the spirit of love pervaded the meeting - we hung upon the promise of God & yet a newspaper in Boston had ridiculed that meeting - (the Liberator of course) their object was to form a doctrinal basis. - it can never be a disciplinary body - never

he was artful & cunning & described the loving & heavenly time they had of it & the sweet seasons of prayer to ask of God what he would have them to do & which way he would direct them to go. he exalted the character of the members of the alliance to the skies; but enough of this slimey sectarian & hypocrite

Nathaniel Barney & wife dined with me yesterday. Nathaniel appears to be in perfect health & in good spirits. they went to hear Theodore Parker on Sunday & were highly delighted with his discourse F. Jackson

some would introduce - temperance - others Slavery & others free trade. but finally resolved to keep all those subjects out have nothing but doctrine & union & we can keep together - we were there 3 weeks & had scarcely begun discussion & might have gone on 3 weeks longer - The alliance must not be set down as anti- to anything - let us persuade the people to keep union & nothing else - we enlisted for union & not to put down Slavery nor the wine bottles of our brethren - he described the racking & torment which the subject of Slavery occasioned in that convention it all but broke them up - but he said there must be some occasions when Slavery cannot & must not be dragged in

He labored hard to show that the alliance had no sectarian object in view. so hard that I was satisfied that sectarianism was its main object